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of Transportation

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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 7946
(ELEVENTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2010

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Imaging & Sensing Technology Corporation
Horseheads, NY
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification containers described in paragraph 7 below for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized by this special permit. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR Subpart E (except when offered for transportation by air) and Subpart F of Part 172; Part 174 except § 174.24 and Part 177, except § 177.817; §§ 173.302a, 173.306(b)(4), and 175.3.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Imaging & Sensing Technology Corporation dated February 13, 2007, submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding therein.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Argon, compressed	2.2	UN1006	N/A
Compressed gas, n.o.s. (containing only mixtures of nitrogen with argon, helium, or helium and carbon dioxide)	2.2	UN1956	N/A
Helium, compressed	2.2	UN1046	N/A
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A
Rare gases and nitrogen mixtures, compressed	2.2	UN1981	N/A
Xenon	2.2	UN2036	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Prescribed packaging is a non-DOT specification, non-refillable packaging described as a radiation detector assembly, consisting of a stainless steel or aluminum pressure vessel with plugged and welded openings at both ends. The pressure vessel must have a maximum capacity of 70 cubic inches, and must be charged to a pressure not exceeding 160 psig at 70°F. The detector assembly must be designed and constructed in accordance with Imaging & Sensing Technology Corporation's application for special permit on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMPA). The burst to charged pressure ratio (safety factor) must not be less than 4 to 1 at 200°F.

b. TESTING - The sealing procedure must be proven by a leak test to at least 1-1/2 times the charge pressure. A leakage test on one out of each 100 pressure vessels is acceptable. A prototype testing of at least 3 representative samples is acceptable in lieu of lot testing.

c. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Radiation detectors must be shipped in strong outside packagings conforming to Imaging & Sensing Technology Corporation's Packaging Specifications that conform with MIL-PRF-23199/1 (SH) rev A.

(2) Shipments are not subject to 49 CFR Subpart E (except when offered for transportation by air) and F of Part 172; Part 174 except § 174.24; and Part 177, except § 177.817.

d. Each outside packaging must be marked "DOT-SP 7946".

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this special permit for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this special permit.

b. A person who is not a holder of this special permit, but receives a package covered by this special permit, may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package and it is offered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this special permit must be either (1) marked with the name of the manufacturer and location (city and state) of the facility at which it is manufactured or (2) marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals for a specific manufacturing facility.

e. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is manufactured under this special permit. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

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f. Packagings permanently marked "DOT-E 7946", prior to October 1, 2007 may continue to be used under this special permit for the remaining service life of the packaging or until the special permit is no longer valid. Packagings marked on or after October 1, 2007 must be marked "DOT-SP 7946".

g. Shipping papers displaying "DOT-E 7946" may continue to be used until October 1, 2007, provided the special permit remains valid.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, cargo vessel, cargo only aircraft, and passenger aircraft.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel, aircraft or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a current copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
 - o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when the special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)- 'The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005' (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term 'exemption' to 'special permit' and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Bob Richard
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: PHH-31.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/exemptions> Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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